

## re: A Better Future for Coyote Valley

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Dear Members of the San Jose General Plan Task Force,

I am writing to you about the General Plan Task Force vision for Coyote Valley. I'm a resident of San Jose. I've always admired the natural beauty of the environment, having lived most of my life in another larger city surrounded by concrete and pollution.

I understand Coyote Valley is being threatened by development. It would be an environmental disaster to change any of this protected land into an industrial development. It is totally unnecessary given all of the vacant commercial buildings and abandoned commercial properties that currently exist all over Silicon Valley. Why not use these existing vacant spaces and modify them? This would save Coyote Valley and at the same time convert abandoned property into useful property. If you do that, that should help the surrounding communities economically as well. A win-win situation.

Coyote Valley is unique in its importance for wildlife habitat and connectivity, flood protection and groundwater, and resilience to the impacts of climate change. In recognition of these values, San Jose City Council voted unanimously in 2019 in favor of a new vision for Coyote Valley's future, a vision that embraces nature and green infrastructure.

Developing Coyote Valley would add insult upon injury, especially after the devastation to the forests from all of the fires that have taken place in recent weeks. Please don't allow Coyote Valley landscape to be destroyed for warehouses or other industrial development. Please preserve Coyote Valley as a place for open space and wildlife habitat, flood and groundwater protection, agriculture, climate change resilience, and passive recreation.

Please protect Coyote Valley by recommending amendments that will change the General Plan's designation for all of Coyote Valley from industrial development to agriculture, wildlife habitat and open space.

Don't allow this unique landscape to be destroyed for warehouses or other industrial development.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Cardwell  
San Jose, CA

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